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# ***Robust institutional arrangements for national mitigation efforts***

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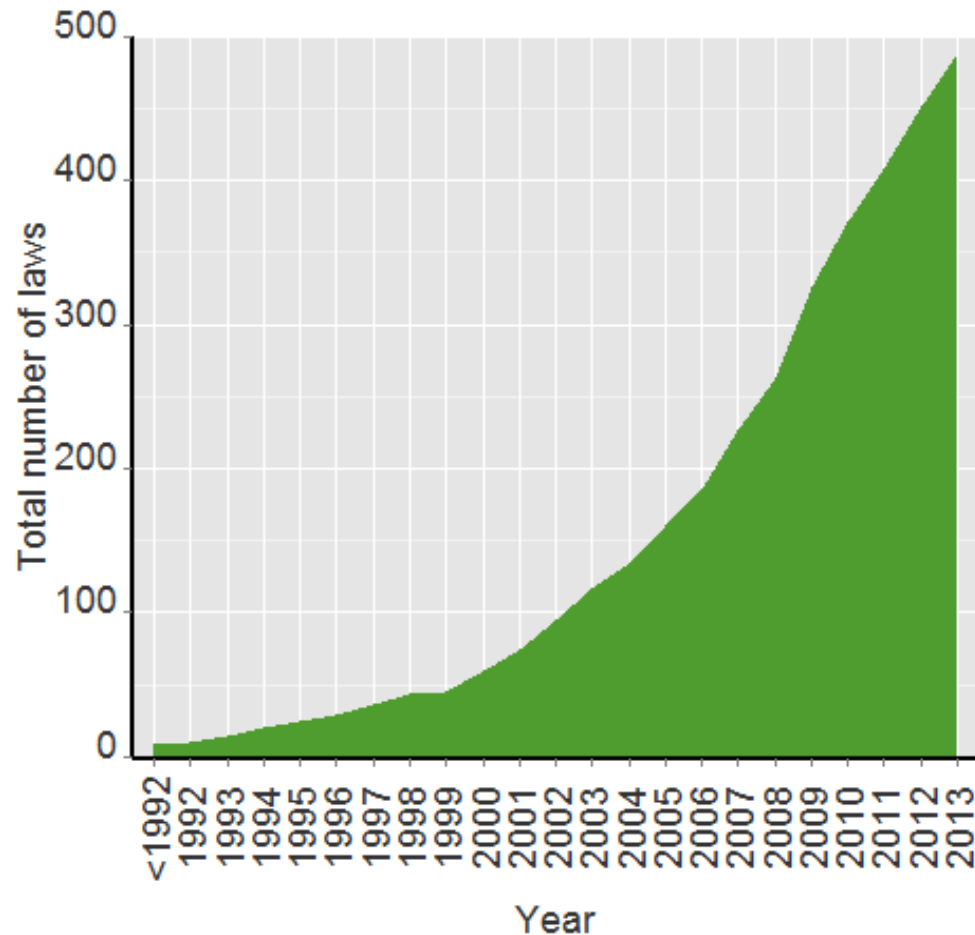
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# Outline:

- The historical development of laws and the role of institutions
- International institutional requirements
- Institutional framework for NAMAs – four coordinating bodies
- Recommendations

# Historical development

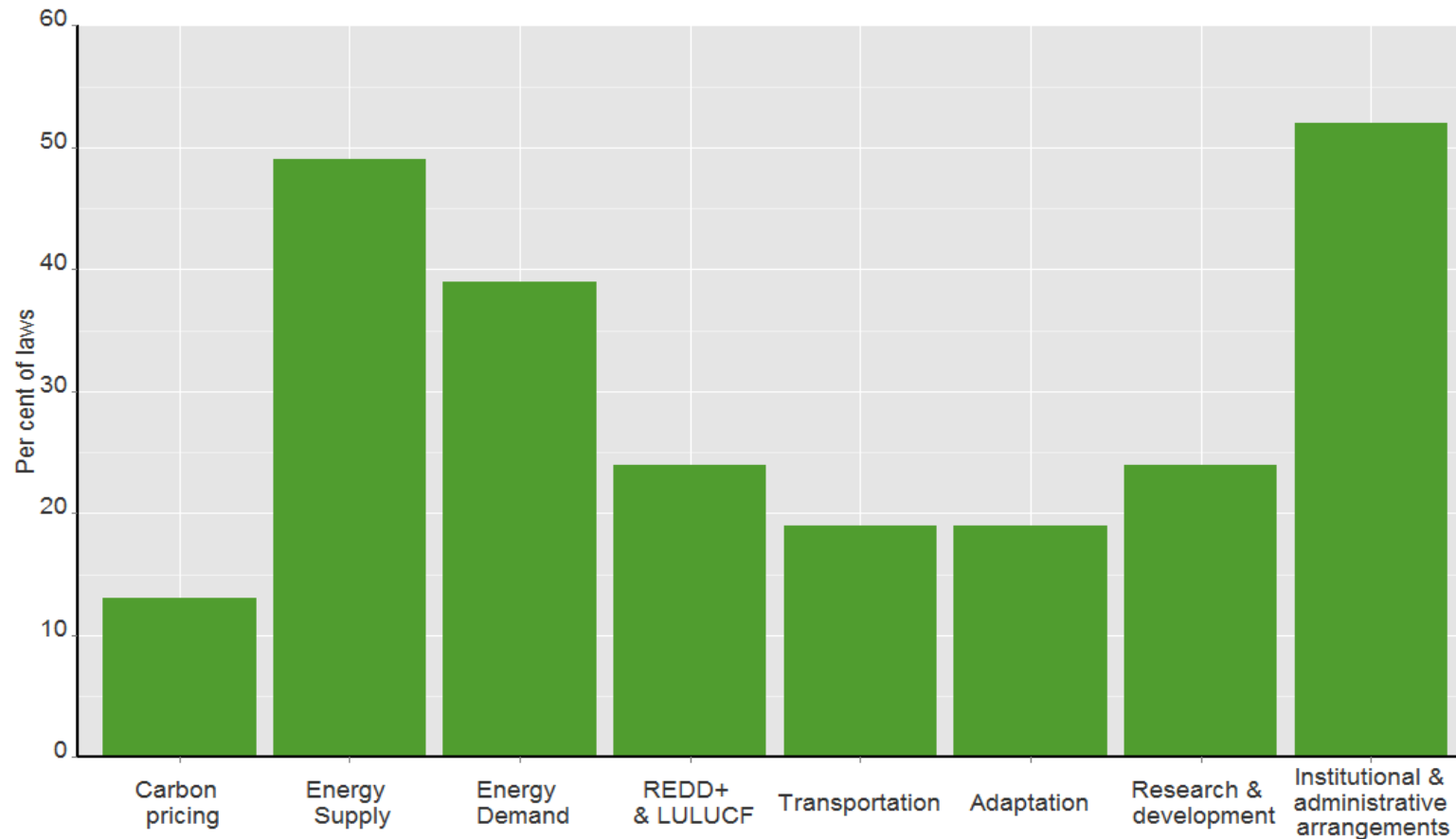
# The stock of climate legislation over time



Source: The Globe Climate Legislation study, 2014

# The percentage of laws covering each issue

- from an environmental problem to a development problem



Source: The Globe Climate Legislation study, 2014

# The role of institutions for transformational change to LCD

- The GCF has a mandate to facilitate transformational change for LCD
- Working definition of transformational change:

*“Transforming production processes and consumption patterns, **enhancing institutional capabilities and adopting planning processes to enable low-emission (mitigation) and climate resilient development (adaptation) pathways**” (Source: Workshop on the role of the Green Climate Fund in fostering transformational change and engaging the private sector and civil society, 11 September 2011, Geneva, Switzerland)*
- Key elements driving transformational change:
  1. Policy Frameworks – paradigm shift to LCD and SD at national level
  2. Economy, Technology and Infrastructure – new growth models & TT

# International institutions and requirements



# International institutions supporting national implementation of COP

| Institution | Objectives  | National requirements  |
|-------------|---|--|
| CTCN        | Promote technology development and transfer to support mitigation and adaptation  | Set up a National Designated Entity (NDE) to coordinate requests to CTCN for support                             |
| GCF         | The financial mechanism to transfer money from A1 to NA1 to assist with adaptation and mitigation in developing countries | Countries will have to access the GCF through a Nationally Designated Authority (NDA)                            |
| Registry    | Matching of finance, technology and capacity building support with Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs)      | Nominate a NAMA Focal Point to submit/upload NAMA proposals for support or recognition                           |
| CDM         | Cost-effective reduction of GHG emissions and sustainable development   | Set up a Designated National Authority (DNA) to approve that CDM projects contribute to national SD requirements |

# Institutional framework for NAMAs

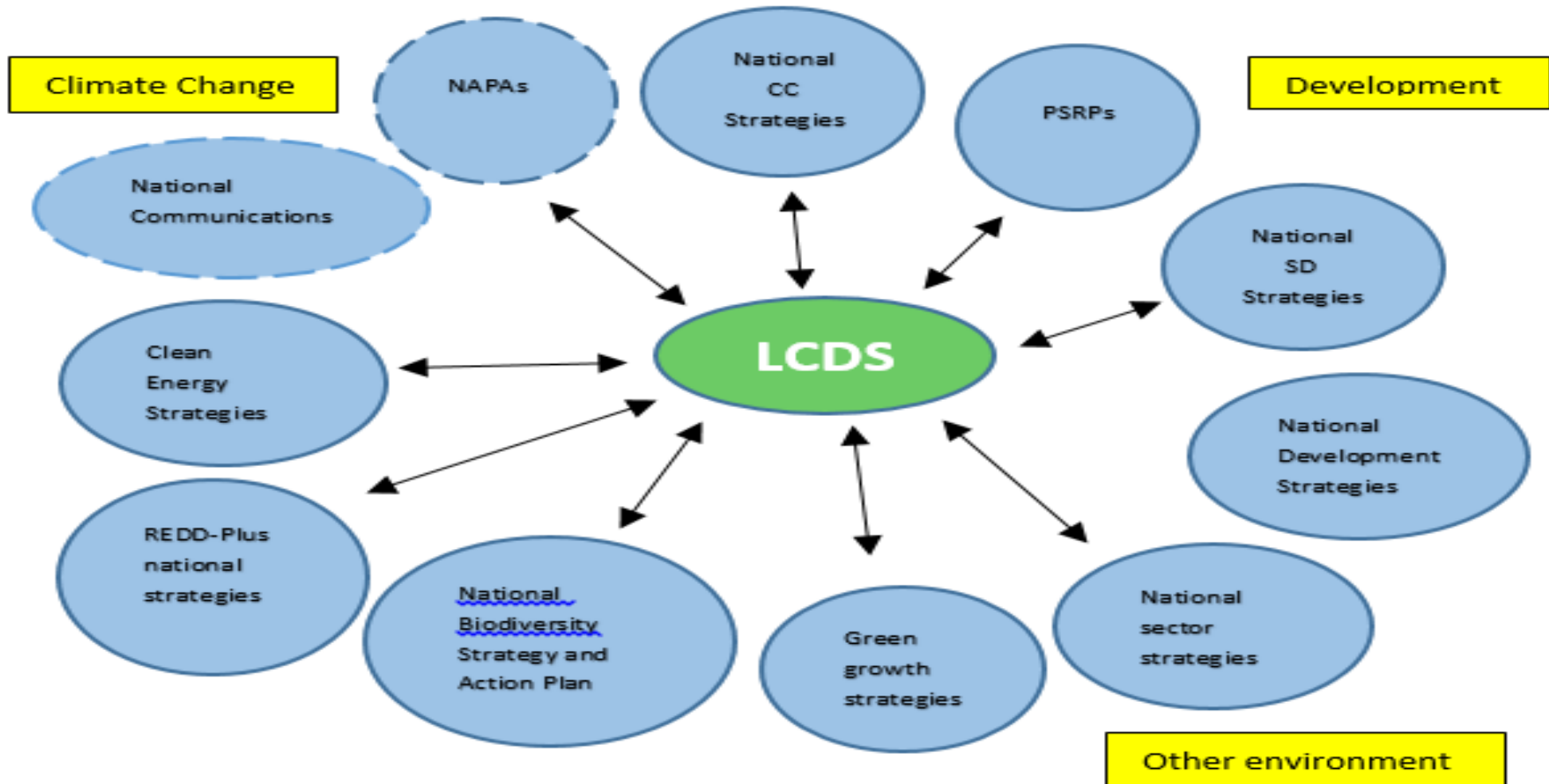
# NAMA institutional set up

- Empowered with capacities and skills for conducting dialogue consultative processes; effective coordination; submissions: finance and MRVs
- Distributed roles and responsibilities within the existing structures and entities
- Concentrating in four coordinating bodies:
  - Climate change policy coordination
  - NAMAs coordinating authority
  - MRV and international reporting unit
  - Climate finance coordination

# Policy coordination

- Climate-change policy-coordination
  - Establishing the national climate change policy;
  - Putting in place periodic evaluation of implementation
  - Revising information received
  - Clear establishment of roles and responsibilities

# Integrating mitigation into national planning processes



# NAMAs management

- NAMA management: coordination of development and implementation
  - Coordinating authority for NAMAs
  - Centrally placed at entity of country's preference
  - Accountable to the Climate Change Policy Coordination Unit
  - Clear roles and responsibilities

# MRV management and reporting

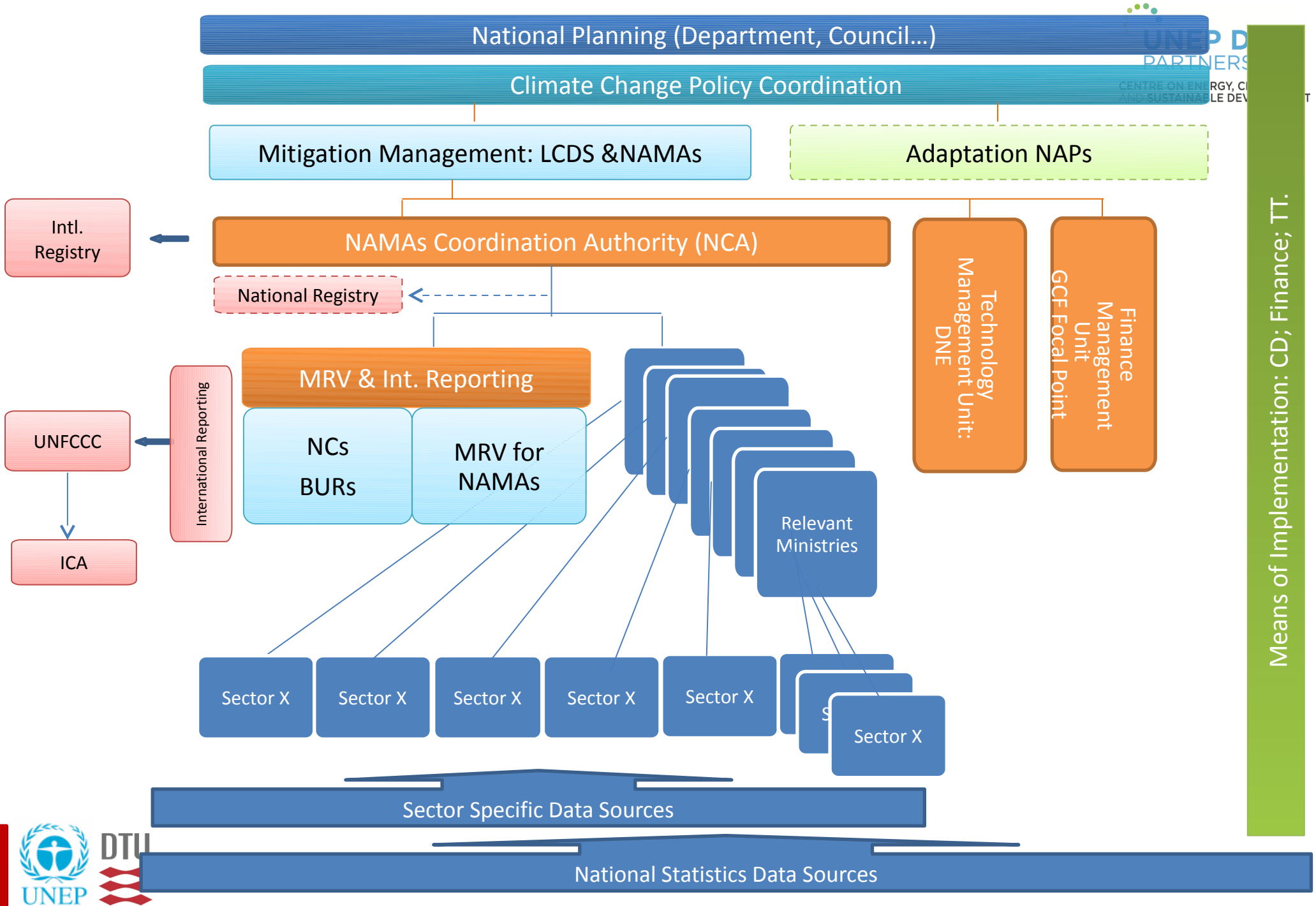
- MRV management and international reporting
  - MRV Management Unit
  - MRV systems consistent with national needs and circumstances but also according to international reporting requirements (BURs; NCs and MRV of NAMAs)
  - Addressing multiple benefits
  - Clear set of roles and responsibilities

# Climate Finance coordination

## ➤ Climate finance coordination Unit

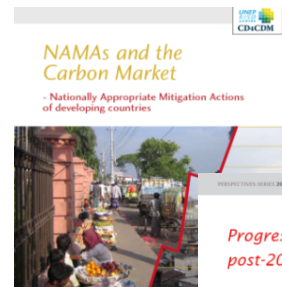
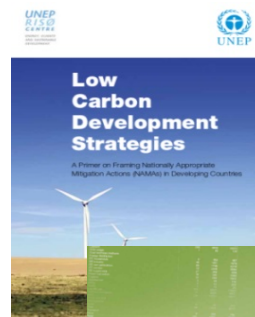
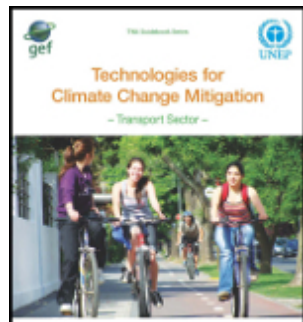
- Finance is expected to come from various sources
- Ensuring adequate and effective allocation of financial resources
- Transparent reporting is important in national and international context to:
  - increase the trust among stakeholders
  - to assess gaps in financing
- Clear roles and responsibilities





# Key Recommendations

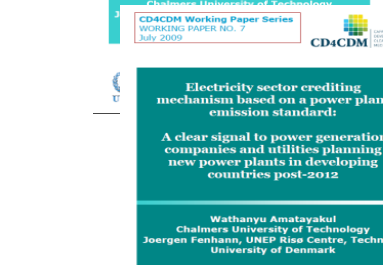
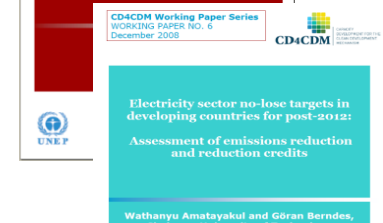
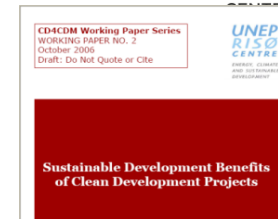
- Integration of NAMAs into development planning with the responsibility for implementation lying with the ministries responsible for policy-making
- Coordination among responsible ministries to ensure synergies and alignment with the national climate change policies
- Decentralization but common guidance on integrating policy into sectorial or regional planning
- Suggested roles and tasks for four coordination units
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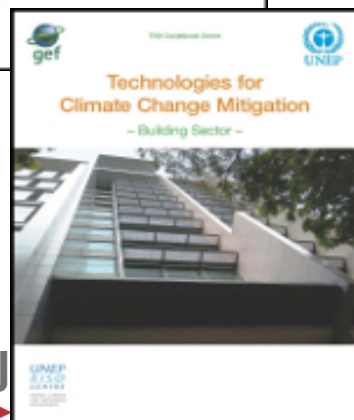
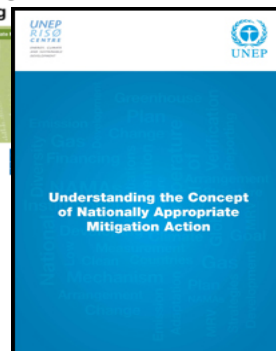
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post-2012 carbon markets



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Climate Agreement by 2015



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